

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 7.00 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.228 of Keenatampalli R.F., Chittoor (West) Division, Chittoor District, for mining lease for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Gulshan Granites - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 73

Dated: 04-09-2014.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P Hyderabad Lr.Rc.No.53665/2007/F2, dt.7-6-2008.
2. State Govt. letter No.4585/For.I (1)/2008-1, dt.19-6-2008.
3. From GoI, MoEF, Lr.F.No.4-APC512/2008-BAN/2761, dt.29-7-2008.
4. State Govt. Lr No. 4585/FOR.I(1)/2008, dt. 25-7-2013
5. From GoI, MoEF, Lr.F.No.4-APC512/2008-BAN/33, dt.14-8-2014

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 7.00 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.228 of Keenatampalli R.F., Chittoor (West) Division, Chittoor District for mining lease for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Gulshan Granites and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, for a period of 10 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Govt. vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval. The State Govt. vide further letter dated.30-7-2014 have furnished certain additional information as desired by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 7.00 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.228 of Keenatampalli R.F., Chittoor (West) Division, Chittoor District for mining lease for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Gulshan Granites, for a period of 10 years, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

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6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 7.00 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.228 of Keenatampalli R.F., Chittoor (West) Division, Chittoor District for mining lease for extraction of Black Granite, in favour of M/s. Gulshan Granites, for a period of 10 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over an extent of 7.50 ha. in Sy.Nos.230 and 232, Zunzurupenta Village of Thamballapalli Mandal of Chittoor District at the cost of User Agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of Compensatory Afforestation site, if any.
- (iv) Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF / PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
- (v) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- (vi) The User agency shall maintain area upto 7.5 meters as safety zone area all along the boundary as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The State Government shall maintain safety zone and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone in degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
- (vii) No waste material from mining lease area will be allowed to fall / spread in the adjoining the forest area. A deep trench of about 2 Mt. width with 1.5 to 1.75 Mt. depth shall be dug all along the boundary of the applied area with excavated earth kept on the outer side of the trench and where the cutting of deep trench is not possible a stone wall of 1.5 to 1.75 Mt height with sufficient width be formed to stop spread of any waste materials in the forest area outside the leased area.
- (viii) The entire forest area up to R.F boundary line, surrounding the applied area shall be appropriately fenced and rehabilitated as per the detailed Plan approved by the Forest Department.
- (ix) Suitable species like Neem etc. shall be planted along both sides of the proposed road over a width of 50 Mts to create a tree belt to minimize the pollution effect.
- (x) The mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by IBM and in strict compliance of all relevant acts and rules.

- (xi) Soil conservation measures shall be taken up at the cost of User Agency.
- (xii) The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the leased area.
- (xiii) Reclamation plan shall be implemented by the User Agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer Andhra Pradesh and the Regional Office, Chennai.
- (xiv) The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed annually.
- (xv) A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 7.00 ha. In case the land is not taken over by User Agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two (2) years then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department.
- (xvii) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.